ROOM of
SWORDS

CHAPTER 213
THE LAST STAND

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DID THE DOOR REALLY HAVE TO APPEAR ALL THE WAY UP THERE?

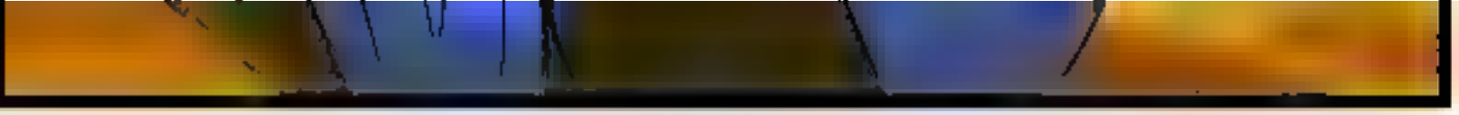
IT'S NOT SO BAD. AT LEAST THE WALK GIVES EVERYONE TIME TO ADJUST TO THEIR RETURNING MEMORIES.

YOU SAY
THAT, BUT IT STILL
FEELS LIKE MY HEAD
GOT TURNED INTO OLI'S
SOUP. EXTRA TIME ISN'T
GONNA MAKE IT BETTER.
LET'S JUST GET THIS
OVER WITH.

AND WHAT ABOUT YUMEJI? SHOULD WE BRING HIM WITH US? I FEAR HE WILL ONLY BE DEAD WEIGHT.

DON'T WORRY, WE DON'T NEED TO. IF THIS WORKS WE'LL ALL GET OUT, OR NO ONE WILL.

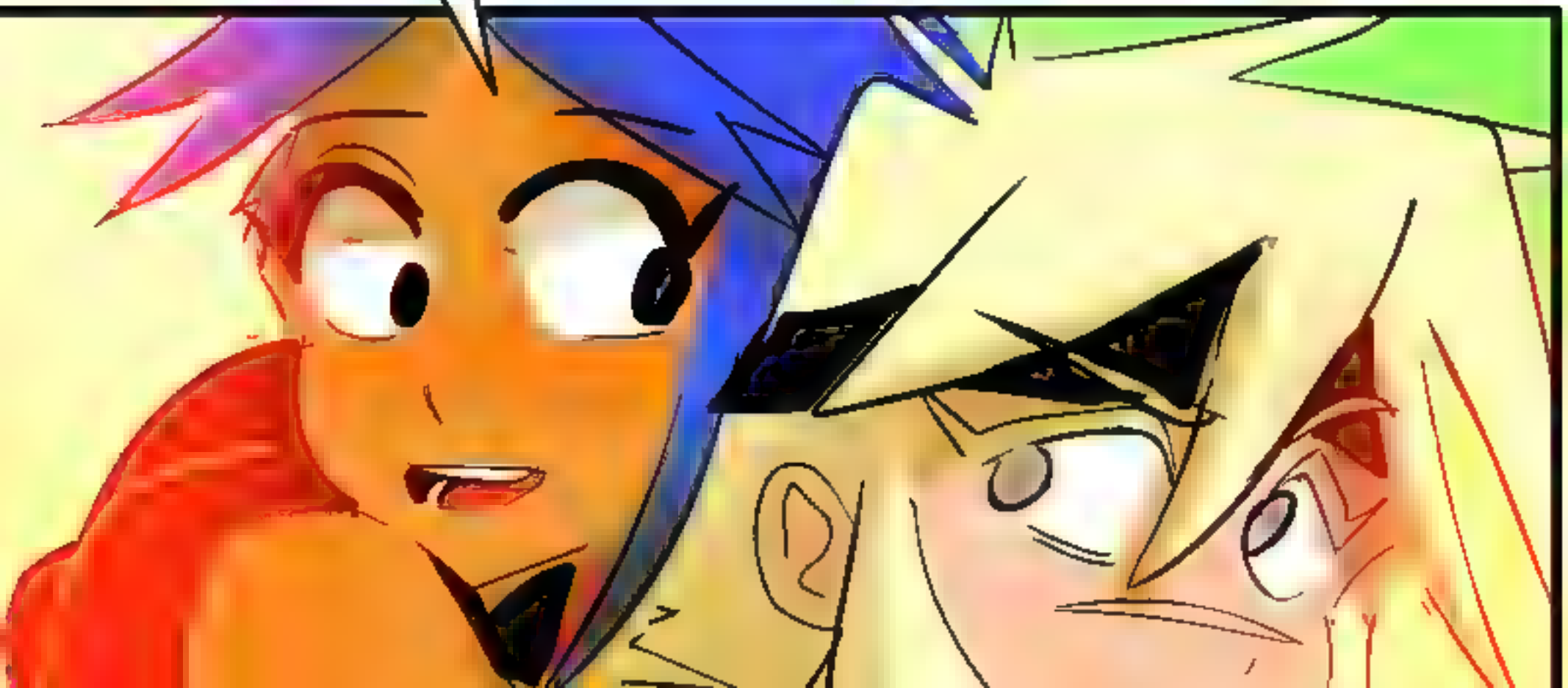
HEY! HOW IS THAT FAIR? HE DID NOTHING BUT GET IN OUR WAY! HE SHOULDN'T GET REWARDED FOR IT!



BUT MON CHERI, THERE IS SO MUCH OUT THERE THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO DO ANYTHING THAT WE SO DESPERATELY NEED...

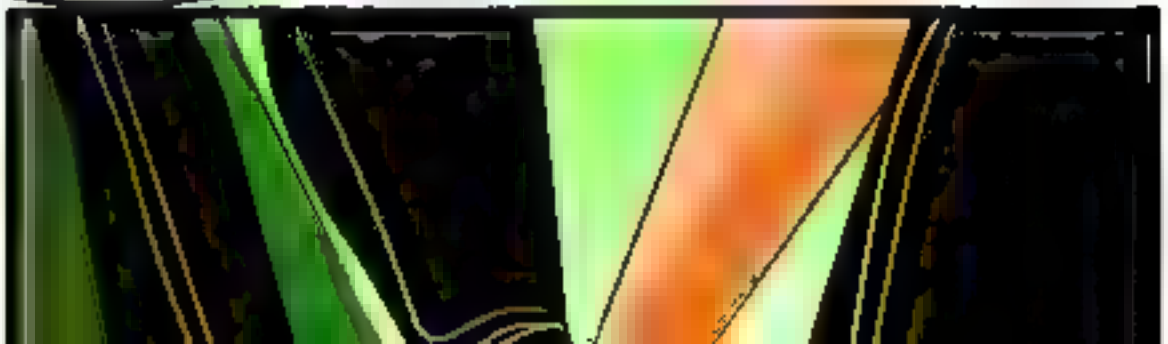
...AFTER ALL, NO ONE LIKES SPIDERS UNTIL THEIR HOUSE IS OVERRUN WITH FLIES... BUT EVERYTHING DOES ITS PART IF YOU'RE PAYING ATTENTION.

PERHAPS THIS WAS MEANT TO BE.



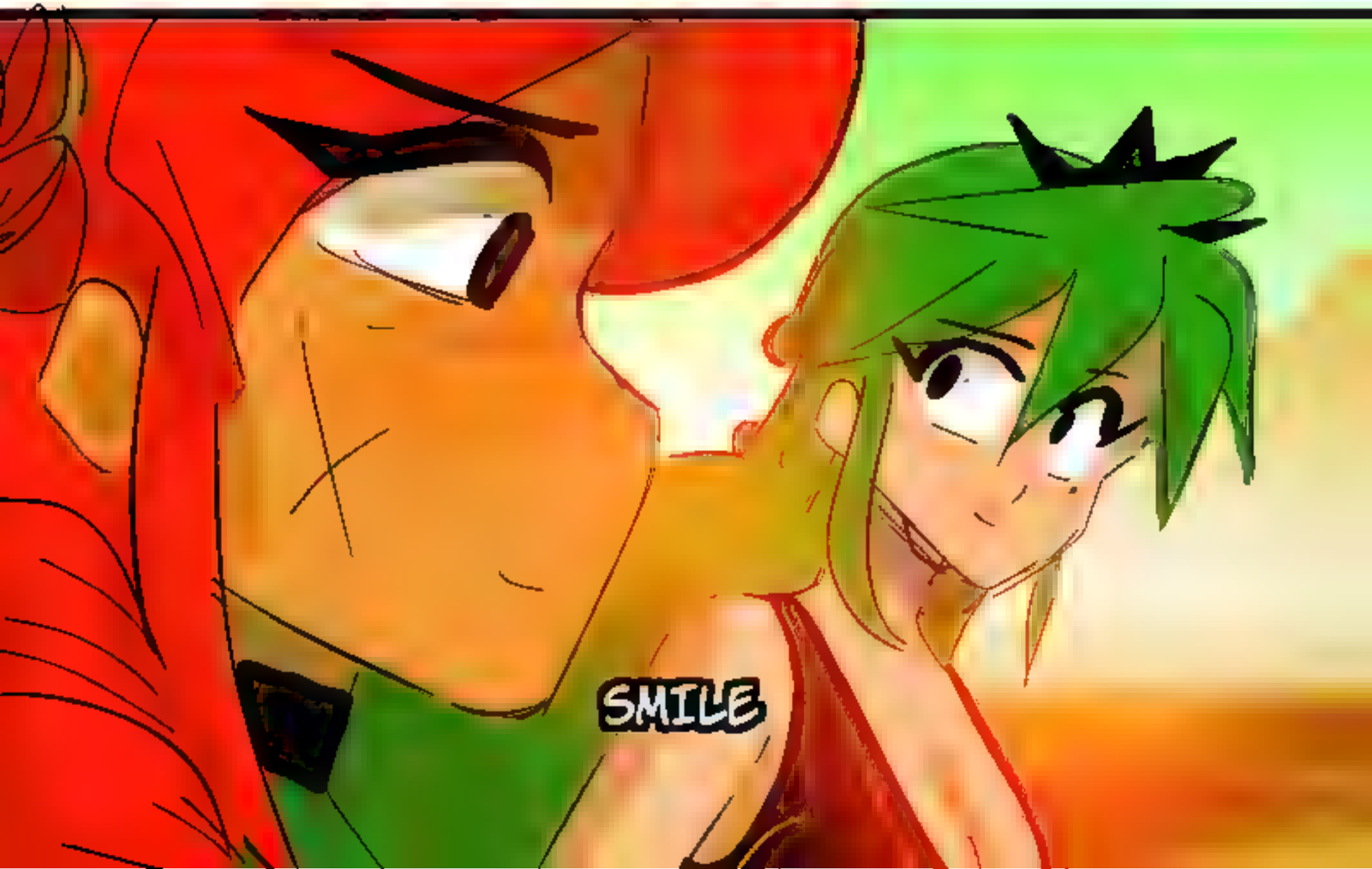
I STILL DON'T SEE HOW DELAYING US FOR WHO KNOWS HOW LONG REALLY COUNTS AS "DOING HIS PART." WE COULD HAVE BEEN DONE WAY SOONER IF HE HADN'T.

BUT I GUESS THERE WAS ONE UPSIDE...



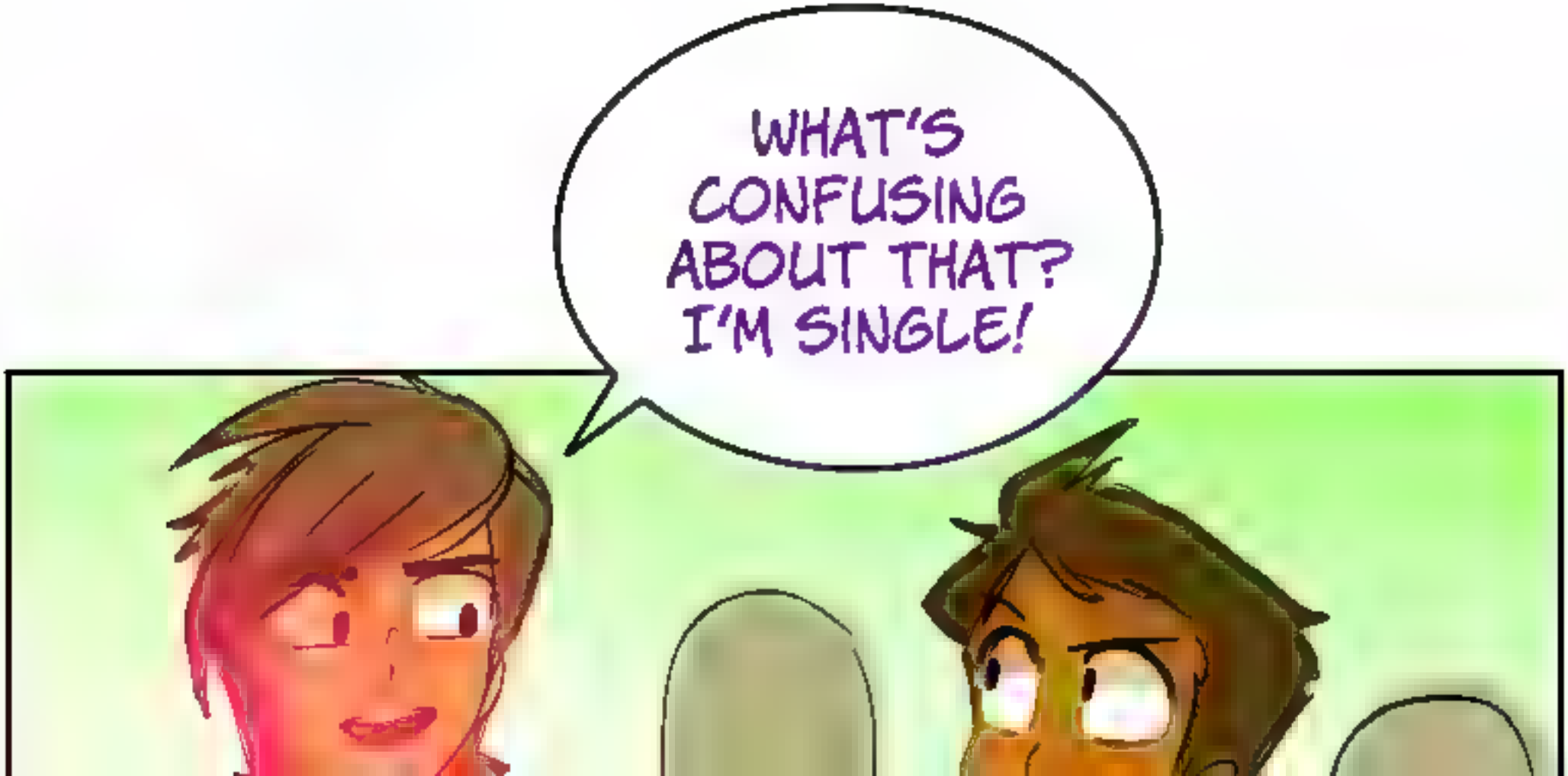
I DID GET TO WITNESS THE ENDING OF MY FAVORITE SOAP OPERA AGAIN AND AGAIN. SO THAT'S

SOMETHING AT LEAST.



SO YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT'S GOING ON EH AMIGO?

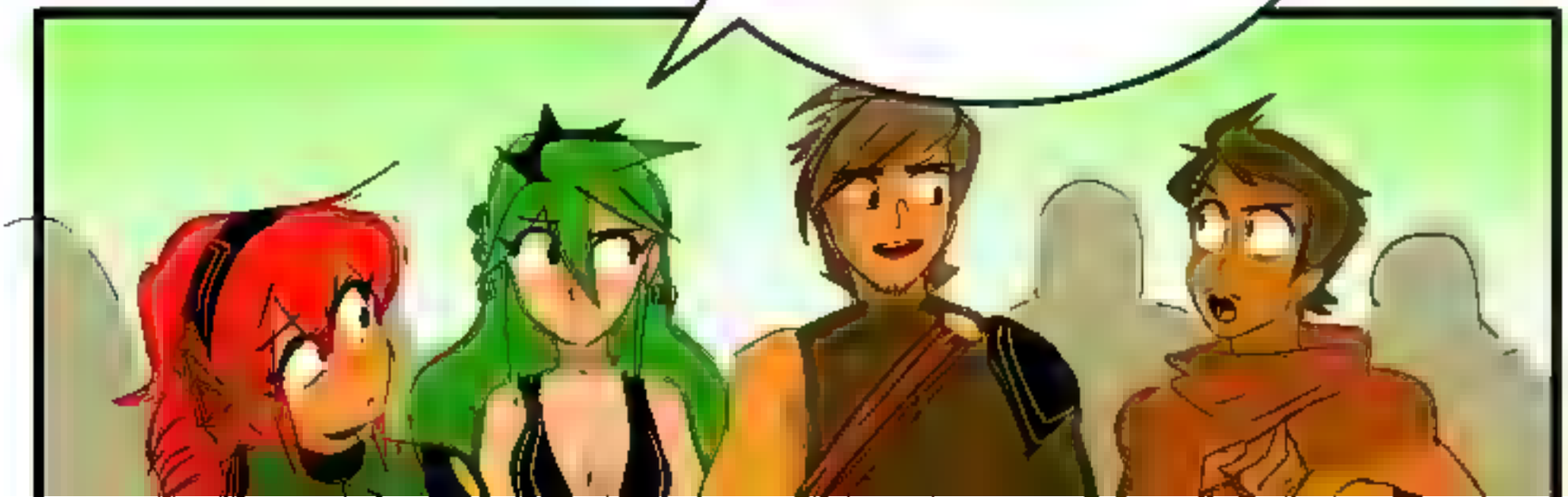
GIVE ME A BREAK! THIS IS MORE CONFUSING THAN YOUR RELATIONSHIP STATUS!


WHAT'S CONFUSING ABOUT THAT? I'M SINGLE!

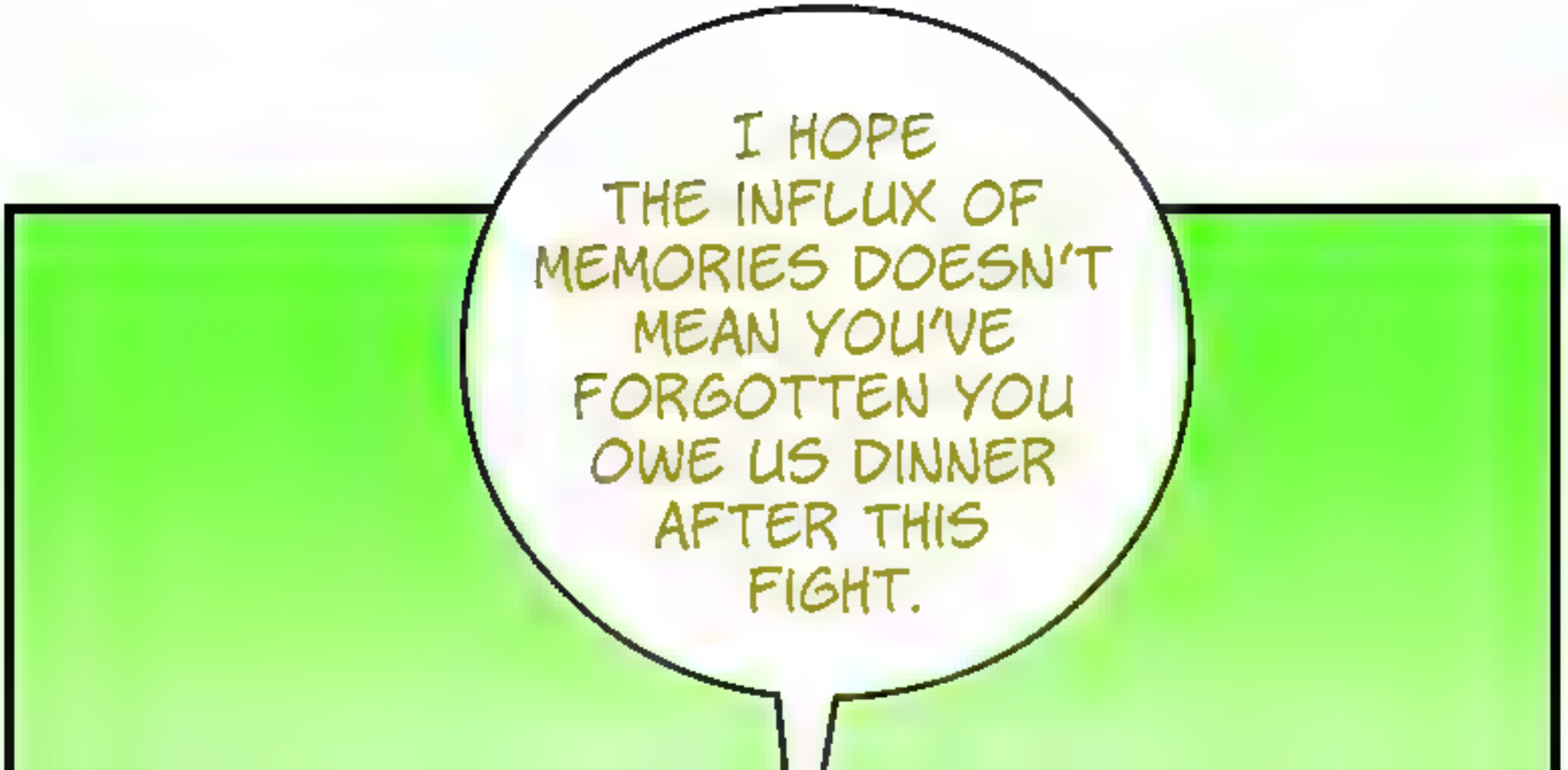
BUT YOU WERE MARRIED TO AMELIA! I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER HER TELLING ME THAT WHEN SHE CAME TO VISIT ME AT MY HOME, JUST BEFORE I ENDED UP HERE! IT'S LIKE ONE

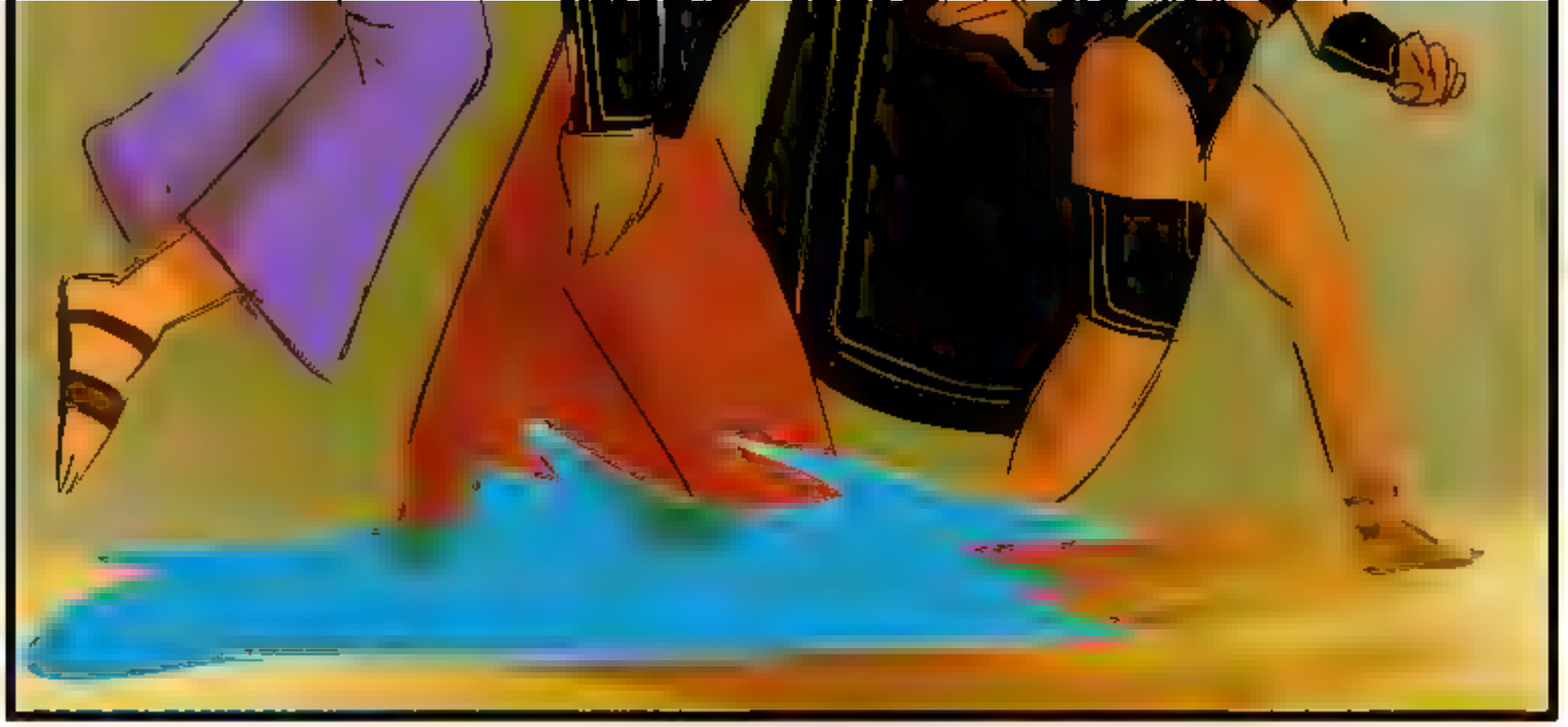
OF THE TWO THINGS I KNOW!

THAT WAS IN ANOTHER RECURSION. I DID NOT HAVE TORI THERE.



I GIVE UP. GIVE ME BOSS SWORDS OR COCKROACH KINGS. YOU THREE'S LOVE LIFE IS TOO CONFUSING.


I HOPE THE INFLUX OF MEMORIES DOESN'T MEAN YOU'VE FORGOTTEN YOU OWE US DINNER AFTER THIS FIGHT.

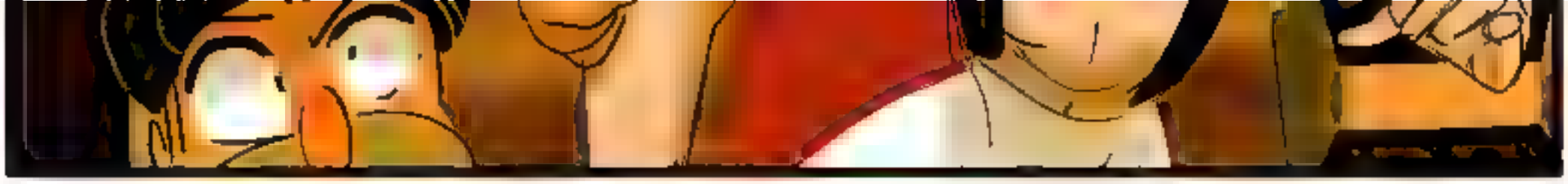


HARD TO FORGET WITH YOU AND FEATHER PESTERING ME ALL THE TIME. BUT DON'T

WORRY. AFTER WE GET TO THE NEW UNIVERSE, I'LL COOK US UP A STORM!

SOS
I'LL HELP!

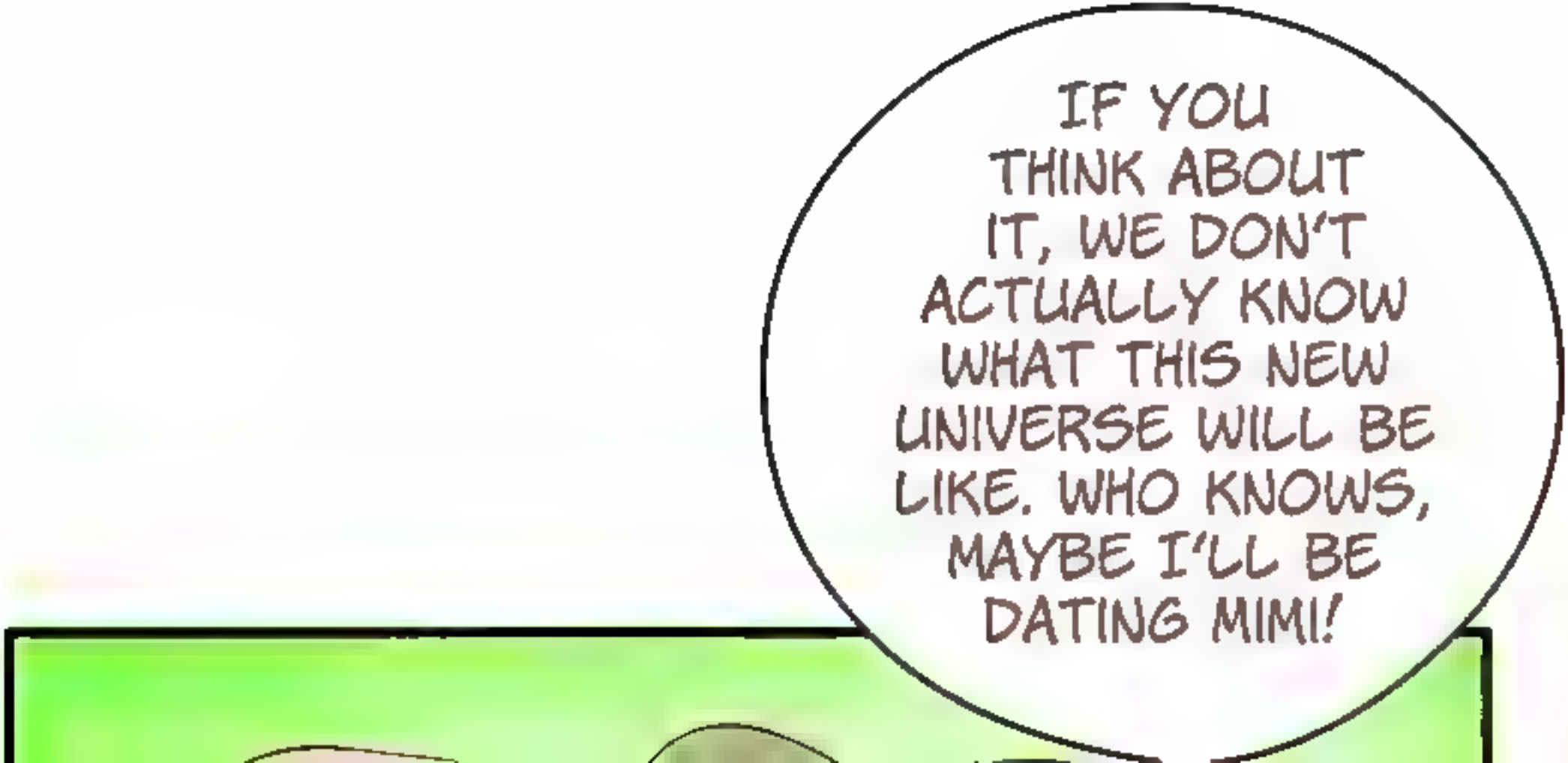
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT! IT'S NOT JUST OUR MEMORIES THAT RETURNED, IT'S OUR INVENTORIES TOO! GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK KNOX!

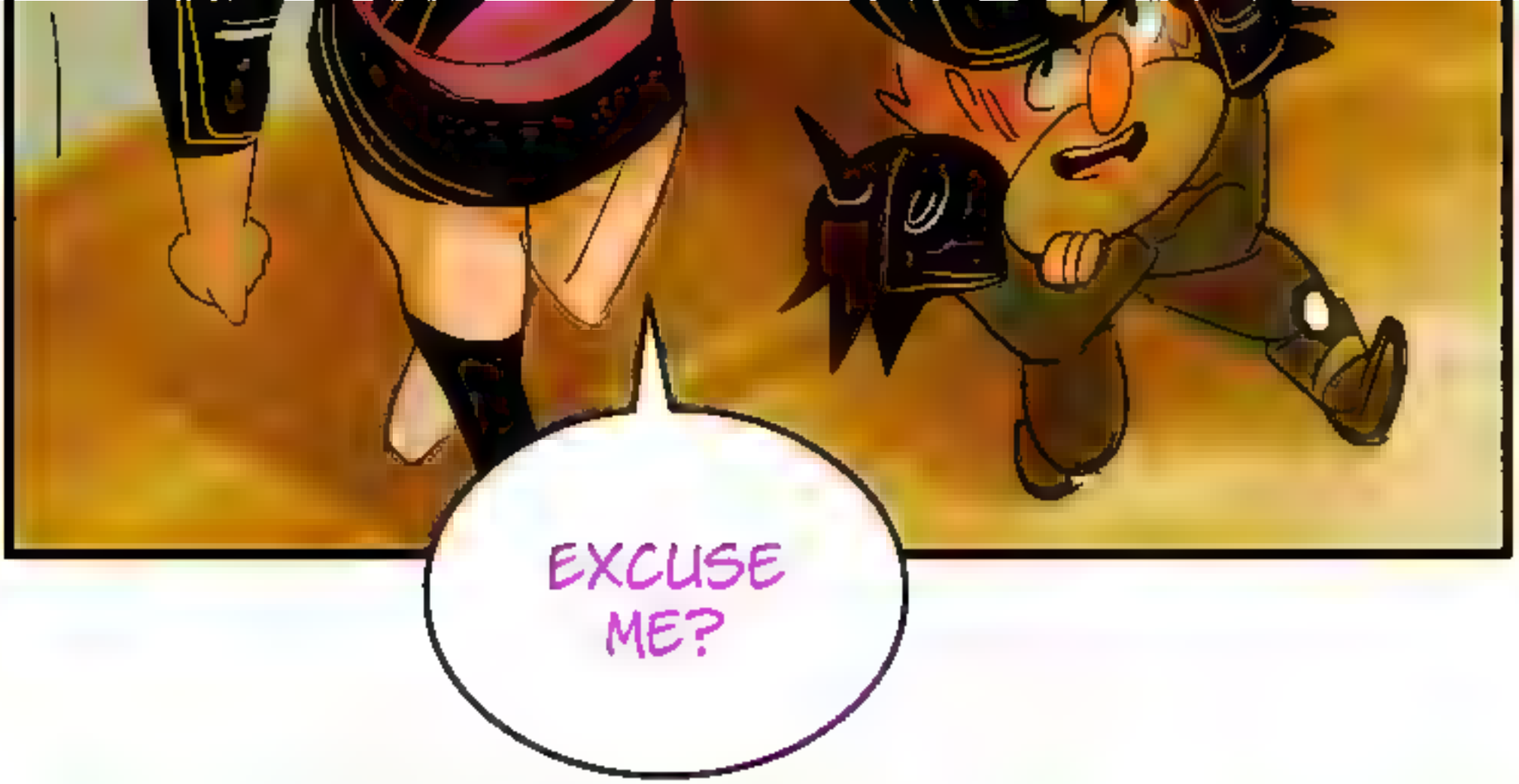


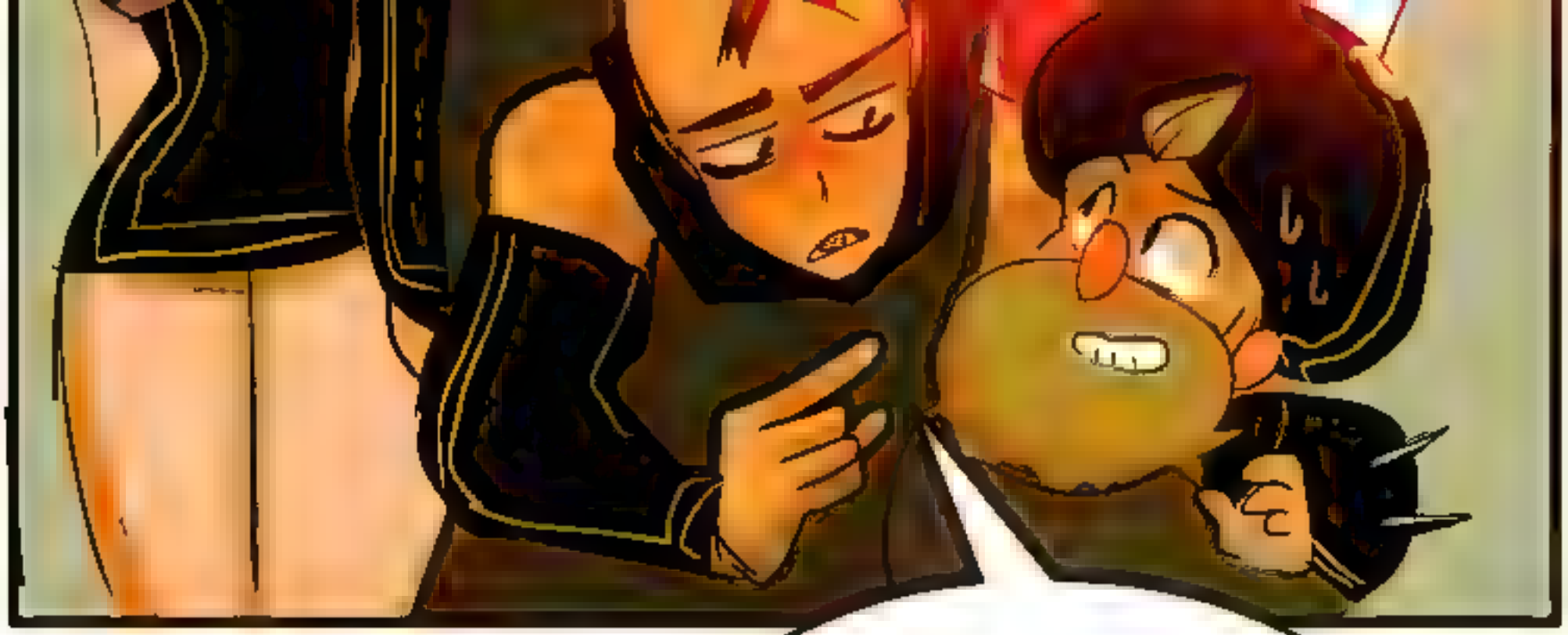
YOU HAVE A FUNNY WAY OF SHOWING IT.
PROMISE ME YOU WON'T TAKE ANY RISKS. YOU'RE NOT AS YOUNG AS YOU USED

TO BE.

I'M STILL IN FIGHTING SHAPE. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULDN'T BE TAKING RISKS YOUNG LADY.


IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, WE DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT THIS NEW UNIVERSE WILL BE LIKE. WHO KNOWS, MAYBE I'LL BE DATING MIMI!

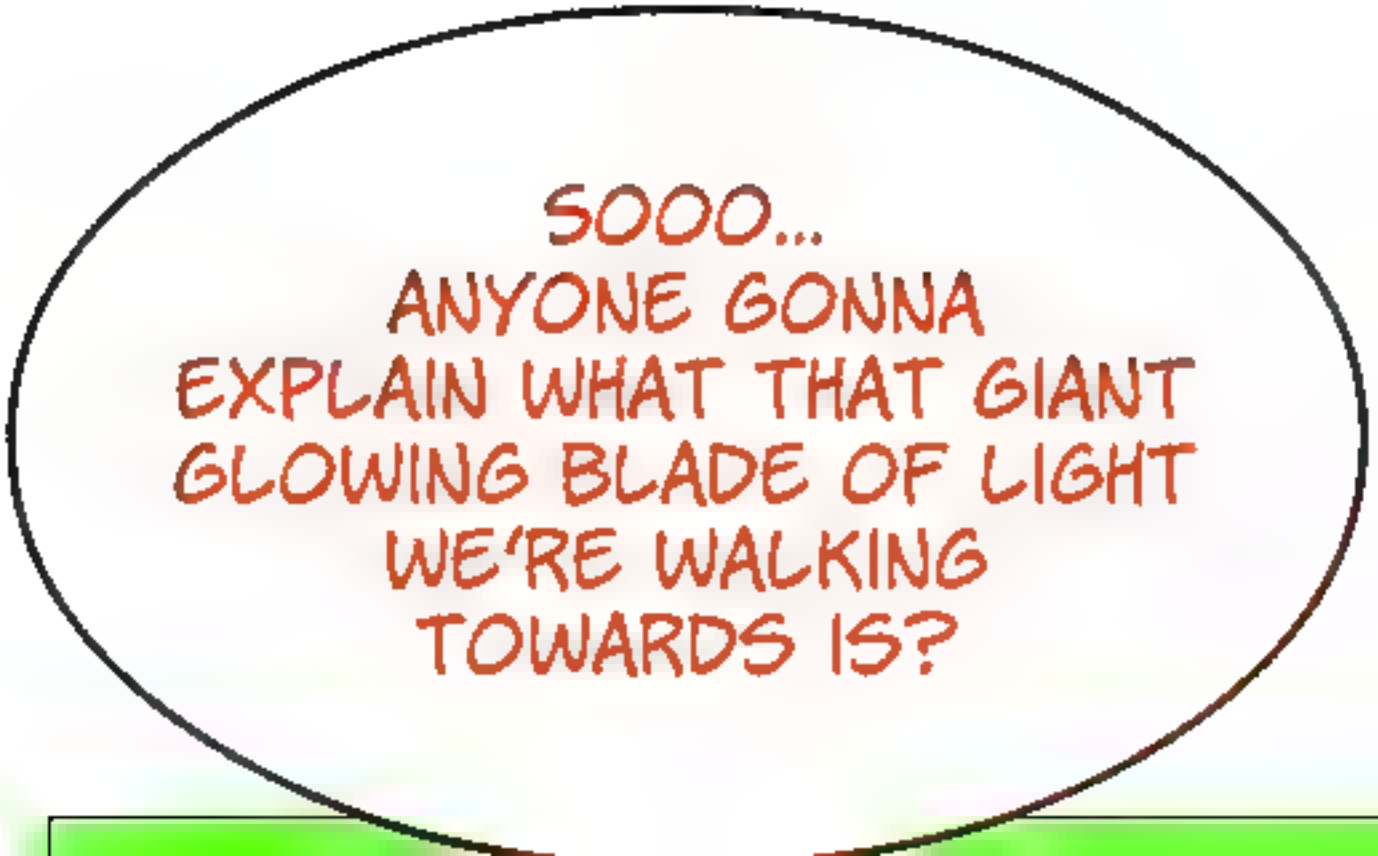

EXCUSE ME?



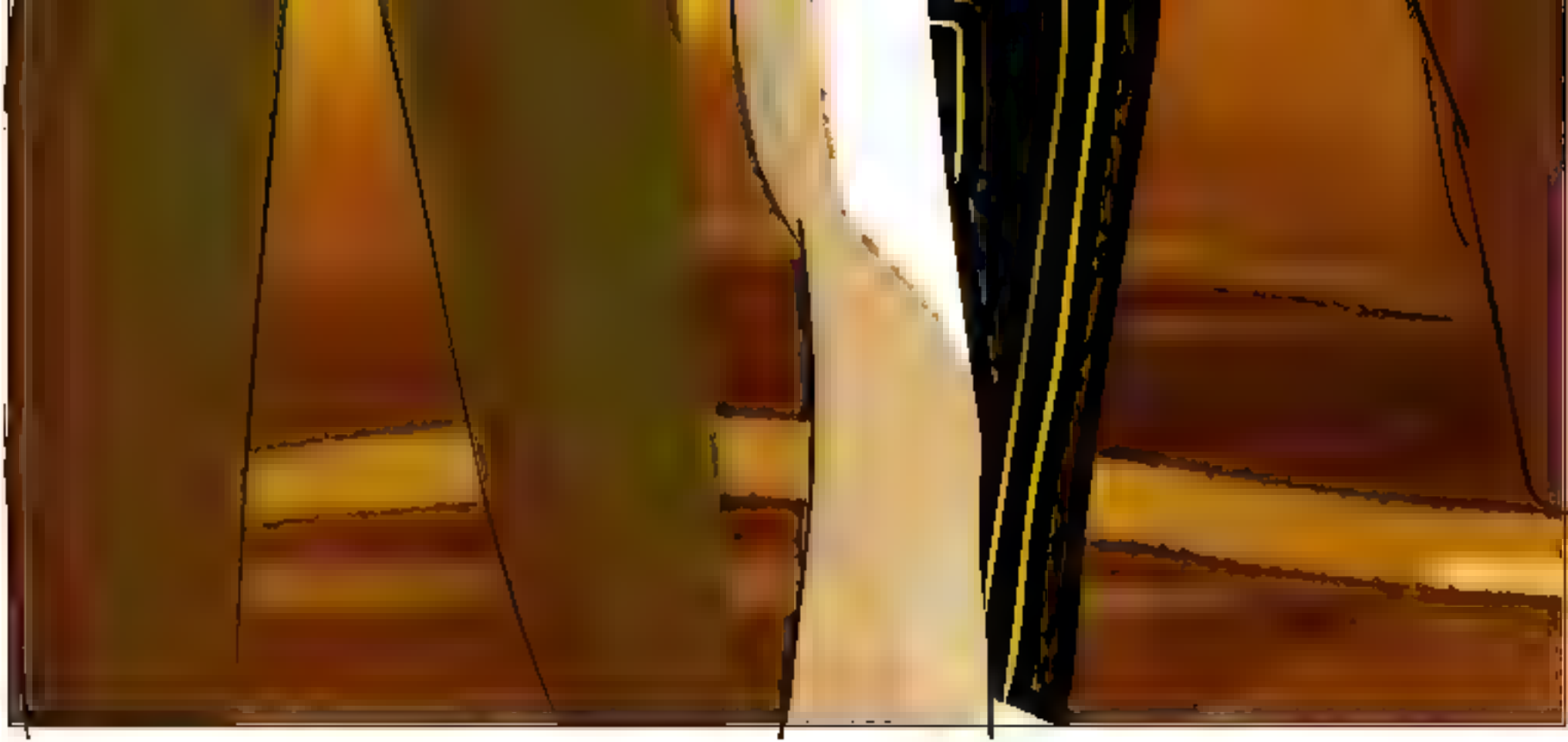
LISTEN BUDDY, SHE'LL DATE ALL SEVEN OF US BEFORE SHE EVEN THINKS OF YOU, IT

DOESN'T MATTER THE UNIVERSE.

DIDN'T YOU TAKE A VOW OF CHASITY WHEN YOU BECAME A MONK?


SOOO...
ANYONE GONNA
EXPLAIN WHAT THAT GIANT
GLOWING BLADE OF LIGHT
WE'RE WALKING
TOWARDS IS?

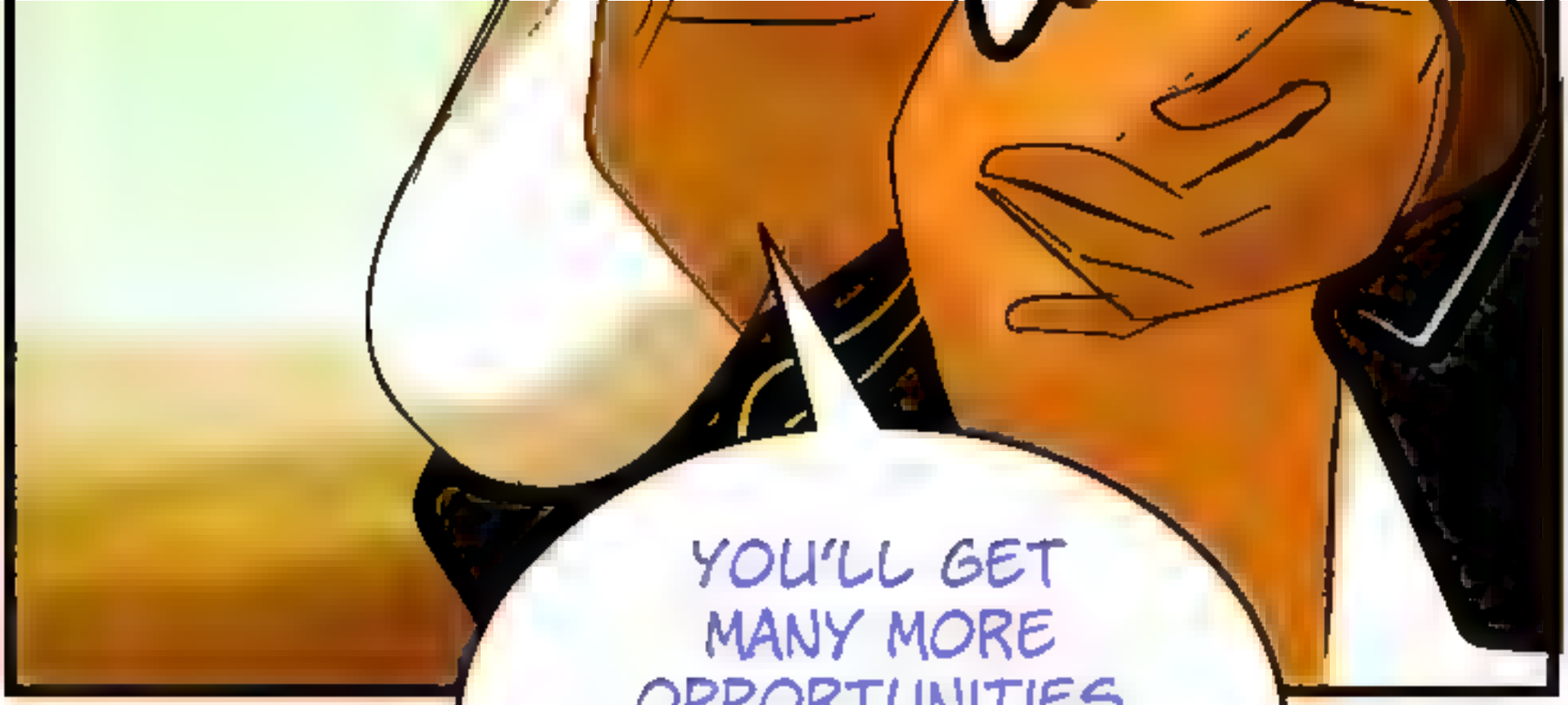
IT IS THE PLACE WHERE IT ALL BEGAN AND IT ALL WILL END...EVERY NEW BEGINNING COMES FROM SOME OTHER BEGINNING'S END.



KINDA SCARY WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT.

MAYBE. BUT YOU'LL FIND YOU WON'T GET RID OF ME THAT EASILY MISTER...

GRAB



NOW HOLD ON. I'M RIGHT SOMETIMES. IT'S

STATISTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ALWAYS BE RIGHT!

TELL THAT TO THE FUTURE SIGHT!

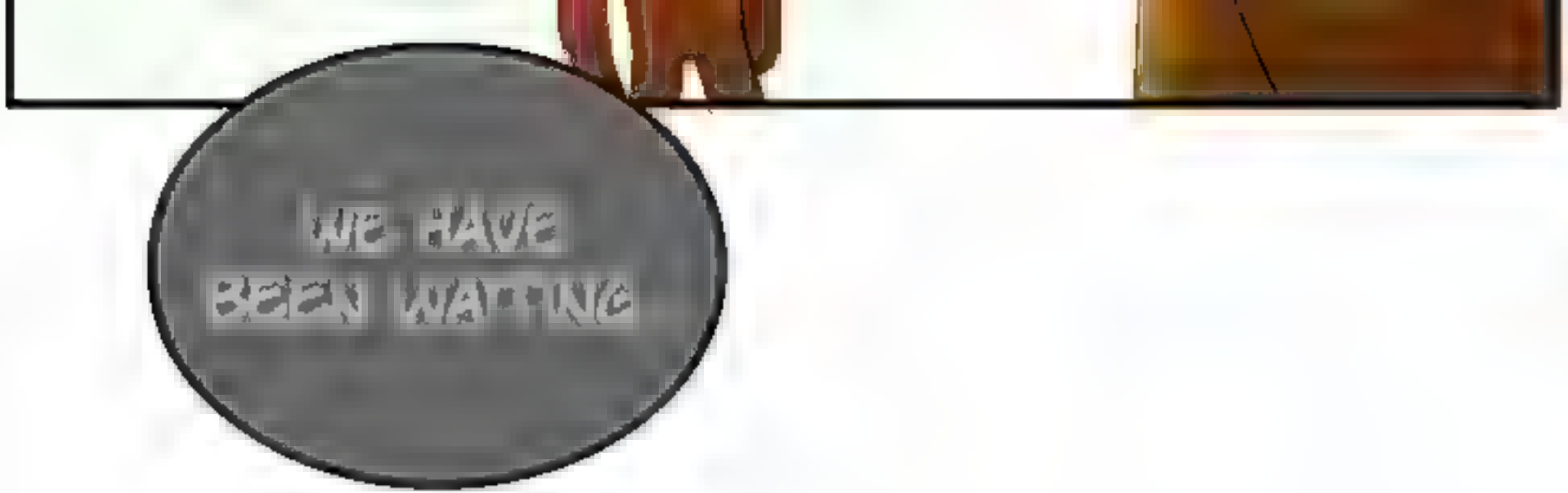
OH HEY
REDACTED
YOU GOT HERE FAST.

: REDACTED

IS BACK? I STILL CAN'T SEE ANYONE. DIDN'T THEY COMPLETE THEIR MISSION? WHAT

DO THEY WANT NOW?

WELCOME GYRUS


WE HAVE
BEEN WAITING

HERE WHERE
THE FINAL END WILL
COME TO PASS AND WILL
BREAK FROM THE
BEGINNING ONCE
AND FOR ALL

BUT BE WARNED, ONCE YOU GO THROUGH THIS GATE THERE IS NO GOING BACK

EITHER YOU SUCCEED IN THE ERASURE THAT RELEASES US INTO THE BIRTH OF A NEW UNIVERSE, OR THE COCKROACH KING AND MASIOSARE WILL CONTINUE THEIR DANCE FOREVER

WE KNOW THE COST. WE'RE READY.

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, IT ALL ENDS TODAY.

YOU DON'T SOUND TOO HAPPY ABOUT THAT.

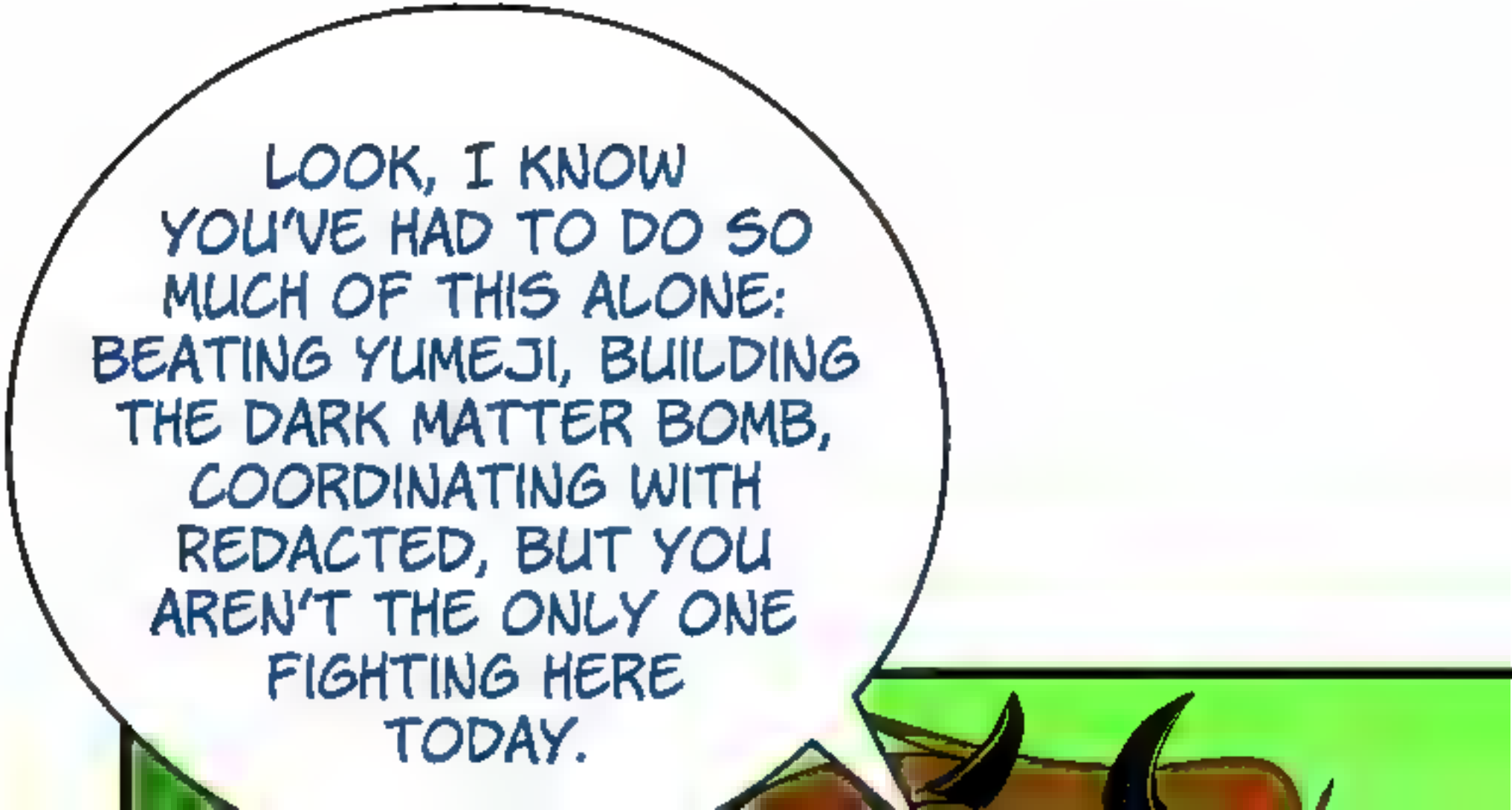
NEITHER
DO YOU.

LET'S JUST GO OVER THE PLAN ONE LAST TIME OKAY?

DON'T FORGET THE
COCKROACH KING HAS TO
BE PROPERLY SUBDUED
BEFORE YOU RELEASE
THE DARK MATTER BOMB
IF HE HAS EVEN THE
SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF

INTERFERING WE'VE FAILED

WE WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN.


LOOK, I KNOW YOU'VE HAD TO DO SO MUCH OF THIS ALONE: BEATING YUMEJI, BUILDING THE DARK MATTER BOMB, COORDINATING WITH REDACTED, BUT YOU AREN'T THE ONLY ONE FIGHTING HERE TODAY.

WE'RE WITH
YOU GYRUS. I'M

WITH YOU. AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET YOU FALL. THIS TIME IT'S A TEAM EFFORT.

I'M NOT LOSING YOU AGAIN.

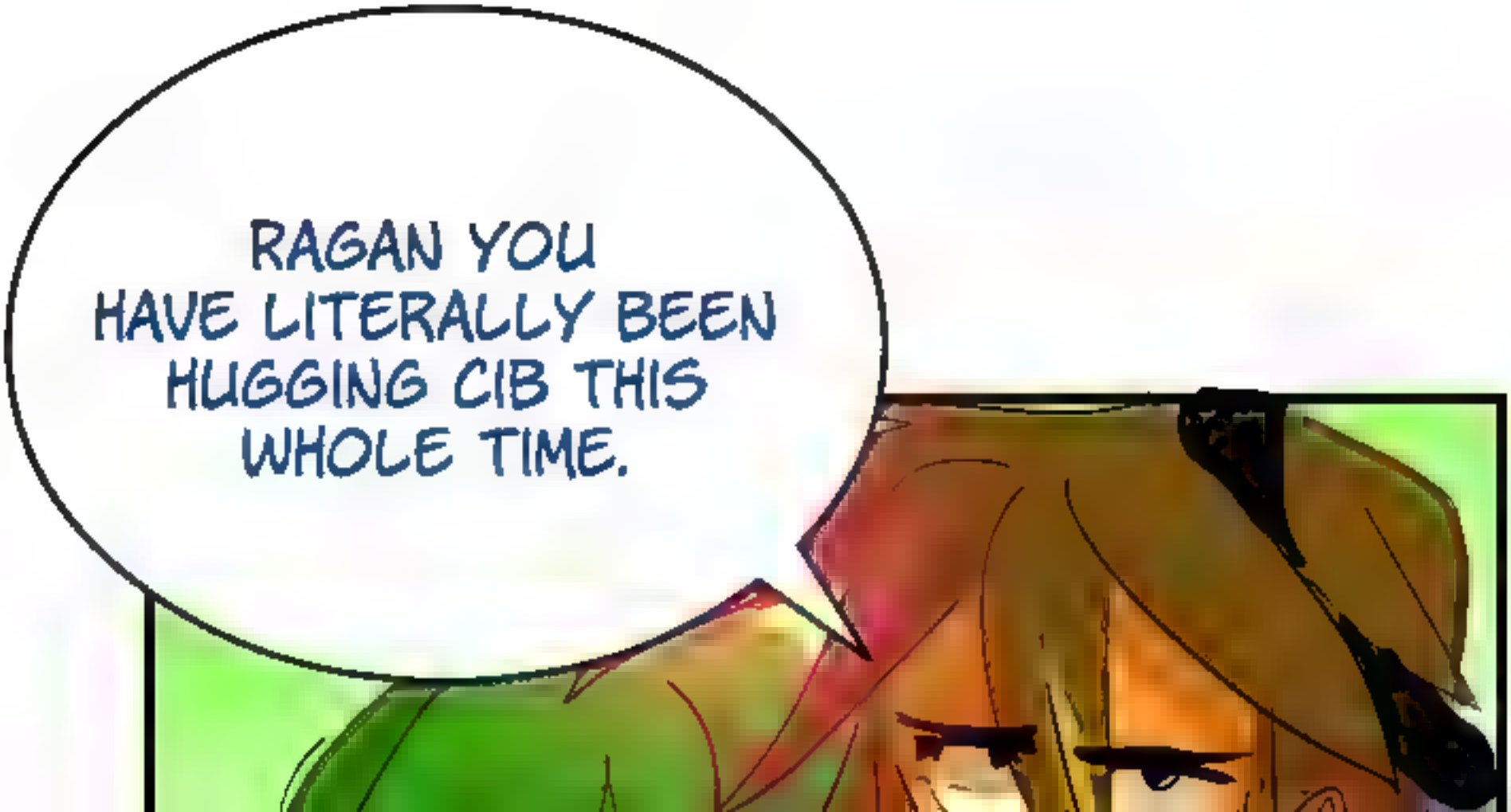
I REALLY HOPE SO.

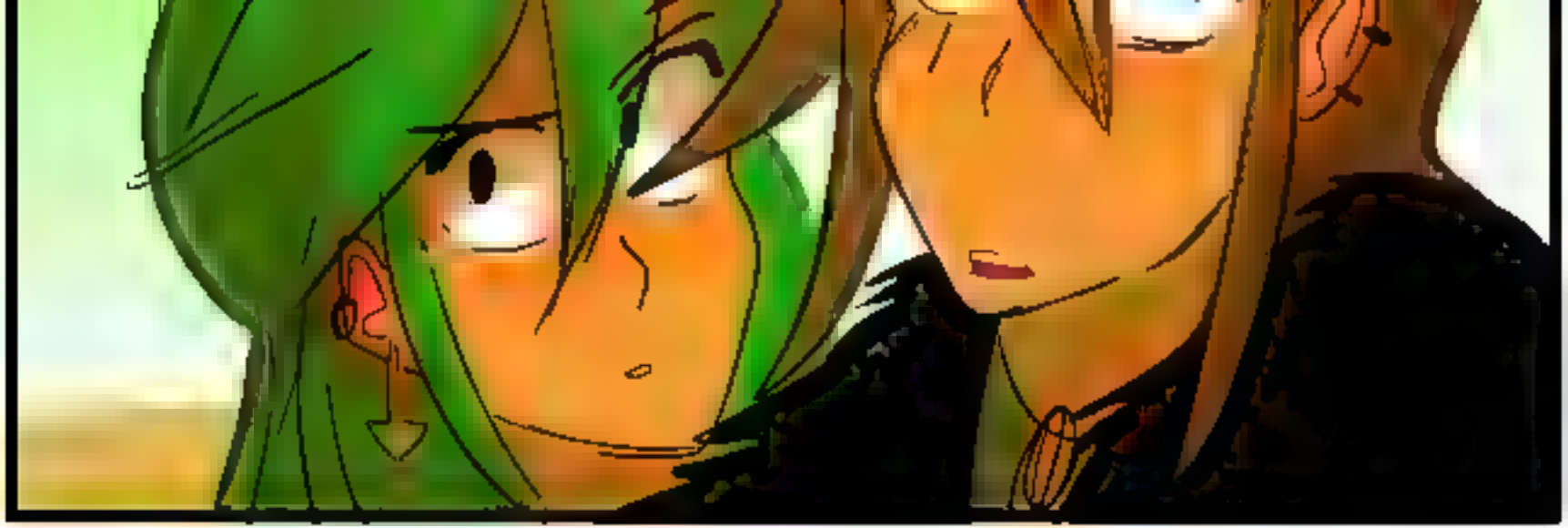
HEY, LISTEN TO ME. EVEN IF THE

COCKROACH KING WINS...AND EVEN IF THE BABY UNIVERSE IS A BUST, I WON'T REGRET IT.

I'M SAD IT COULD END, BUT I'LL NEVER REGRET THE TIME I SPENT WITH YOU.

OH COME ON GUYS! WE'VE GOT A ROOM OF SWORDS TO CRASH! STOP IT WITH THE CHEESY GOODBYES AND LET'S GO!


RAGAN YOU HAVE LITERALLY BEEN HUGGING CIB THIS WHOLE TIME.

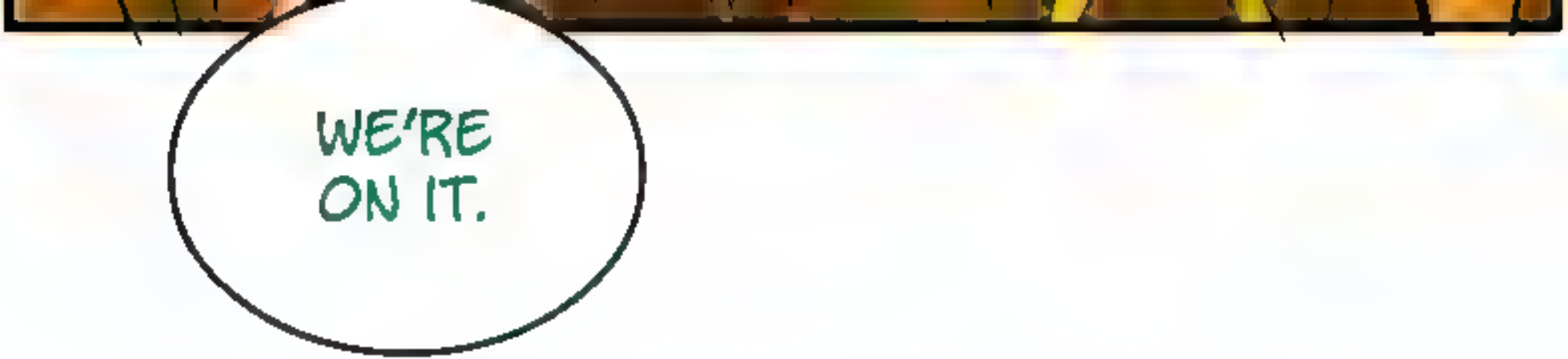


UM...NO?
THIS IS A PIGGYBACK RIDE. IT'S A VIABLE BATTLE STRATEGY GIVEN OUR POWERS...

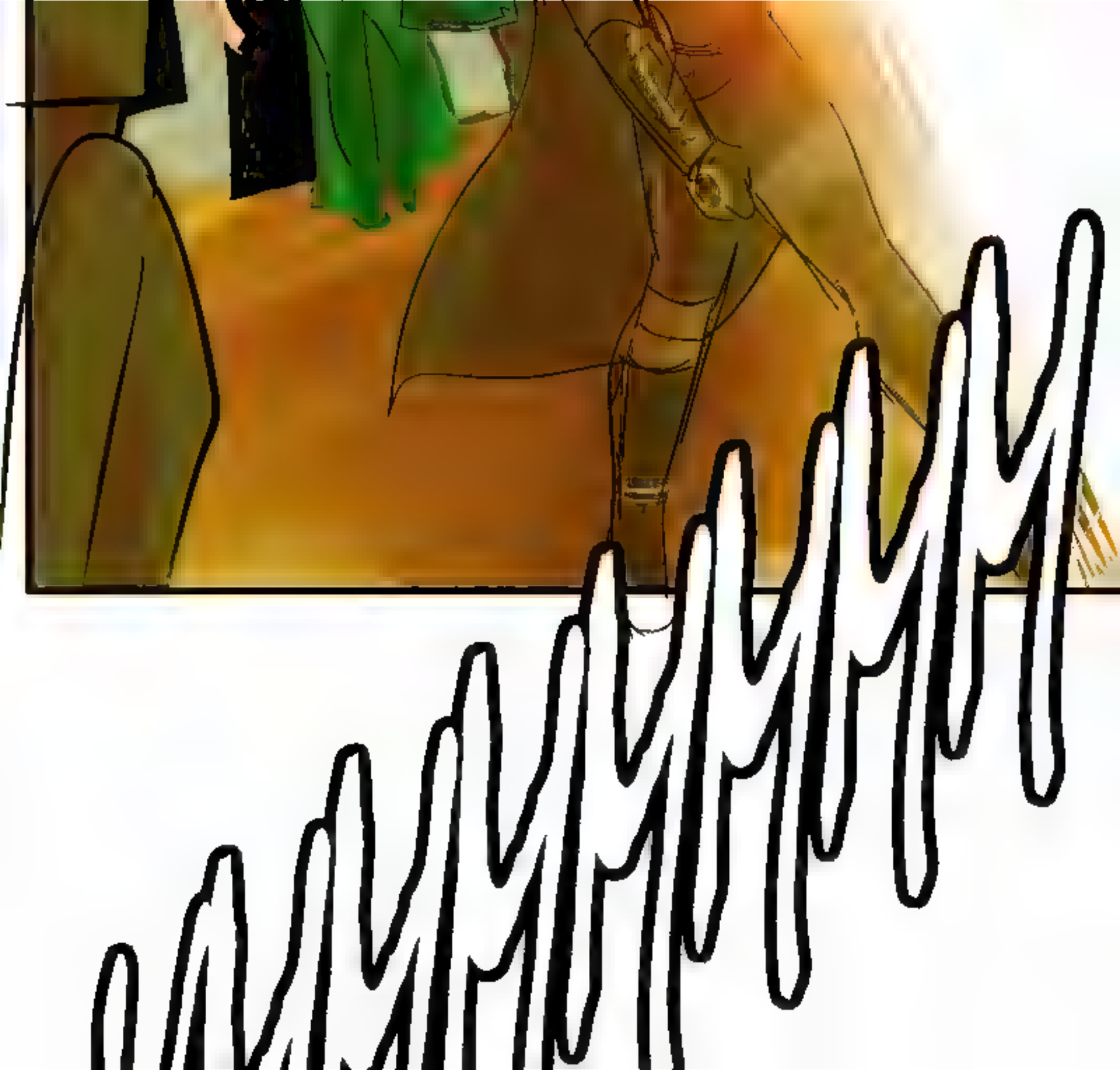
...AAAND IT'S MOBILE SO IT DOESN'T INTERRUPT THE SCHEDULE! SOMETHING YOU CAN'T CLAIM ABOUT YOUR LITTLE STATIONARY HUG!

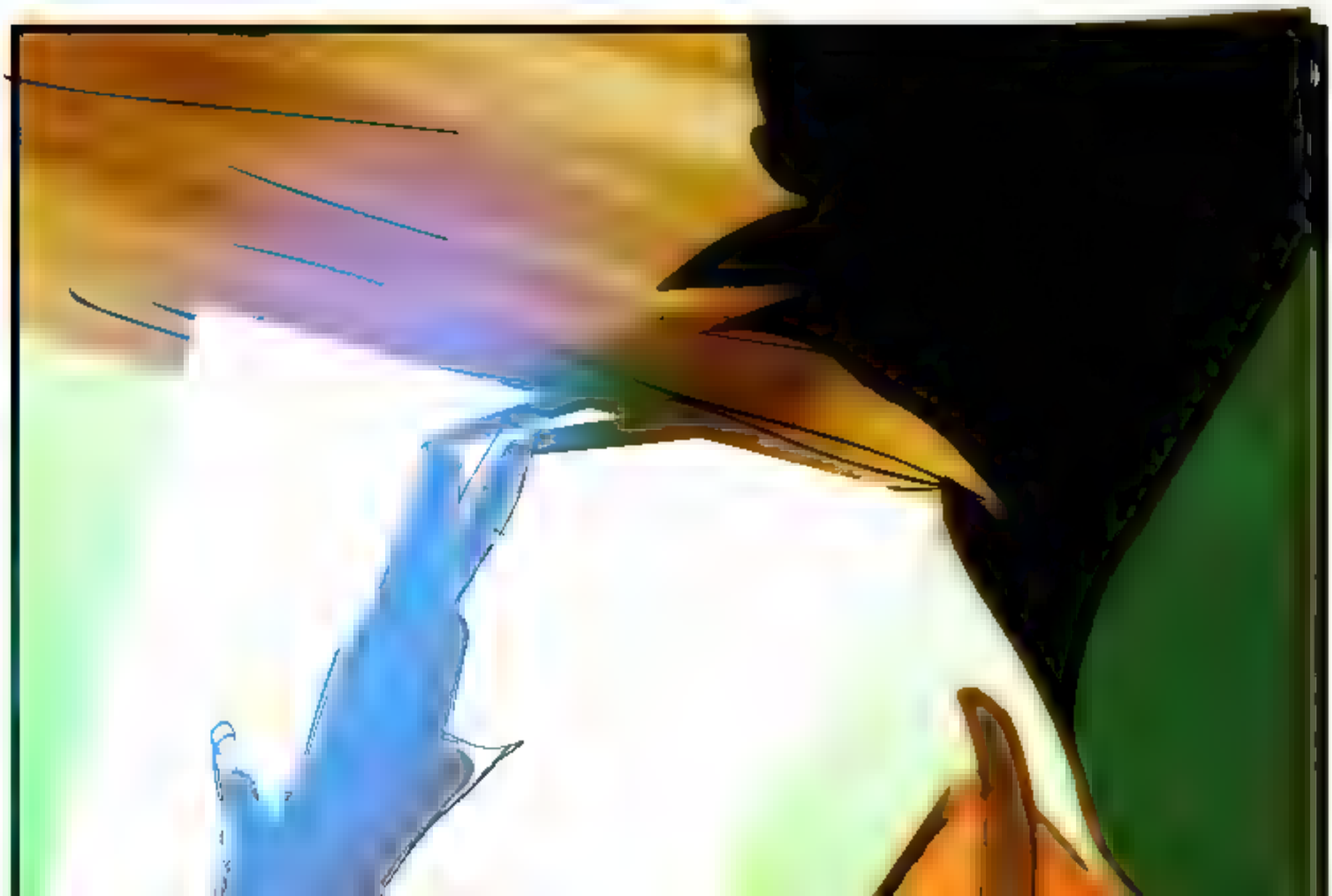
SHE'S RIGHT.
WE DO HAVE TO
GET MOVING.

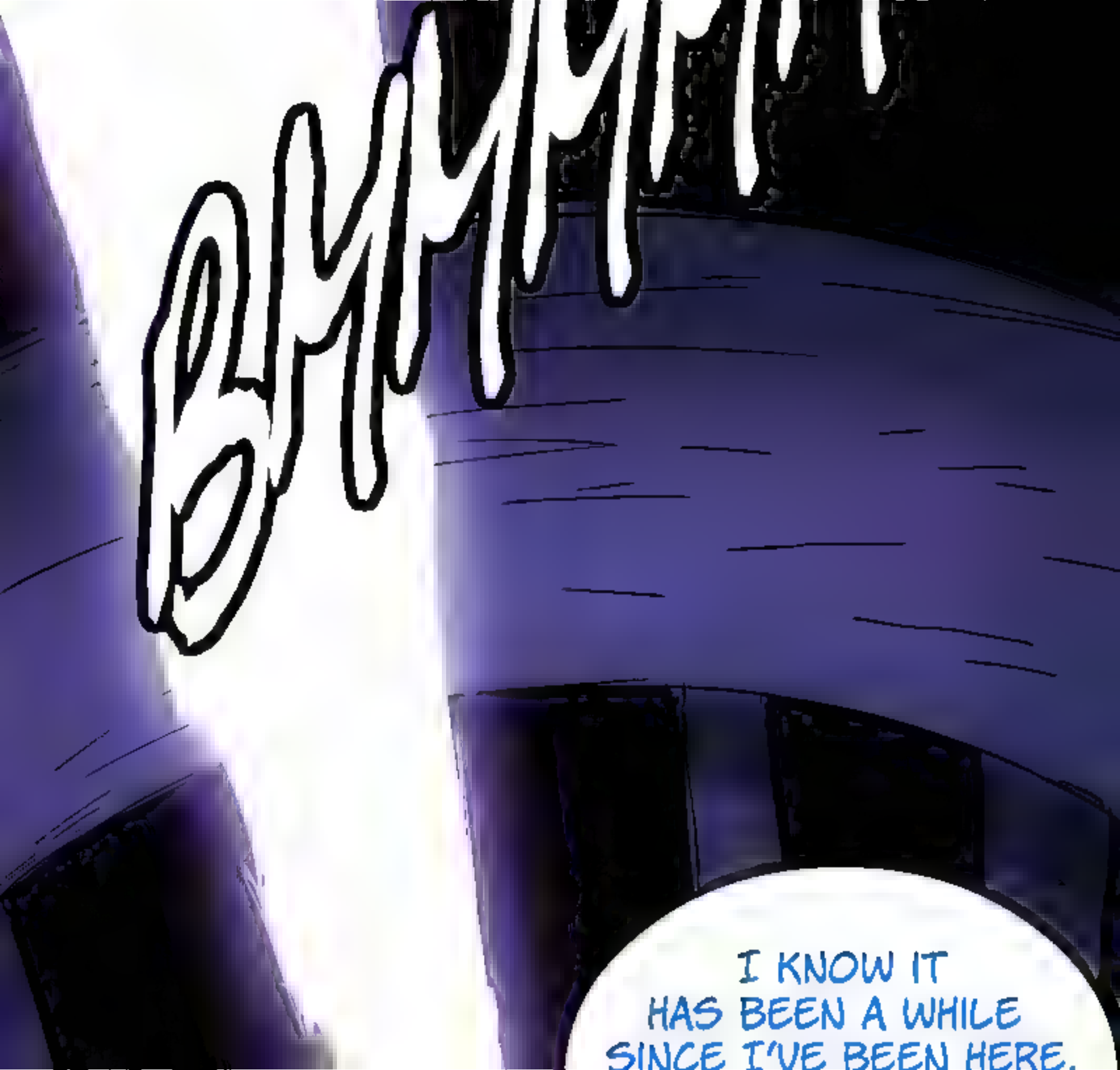
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FOCUS ON THE BATTLE, SO CAN I RELY ON YOU TWO TO RELAY ANYTHING IMPORTANT REDACTED AND REDACTED HAVE TO SAY?
NOD


WE'RE ON IT.

THEN IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME.






BRRR
I KNOW IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE.

BUT DOES IT SEEM
DIFFERENT TO
YOU?

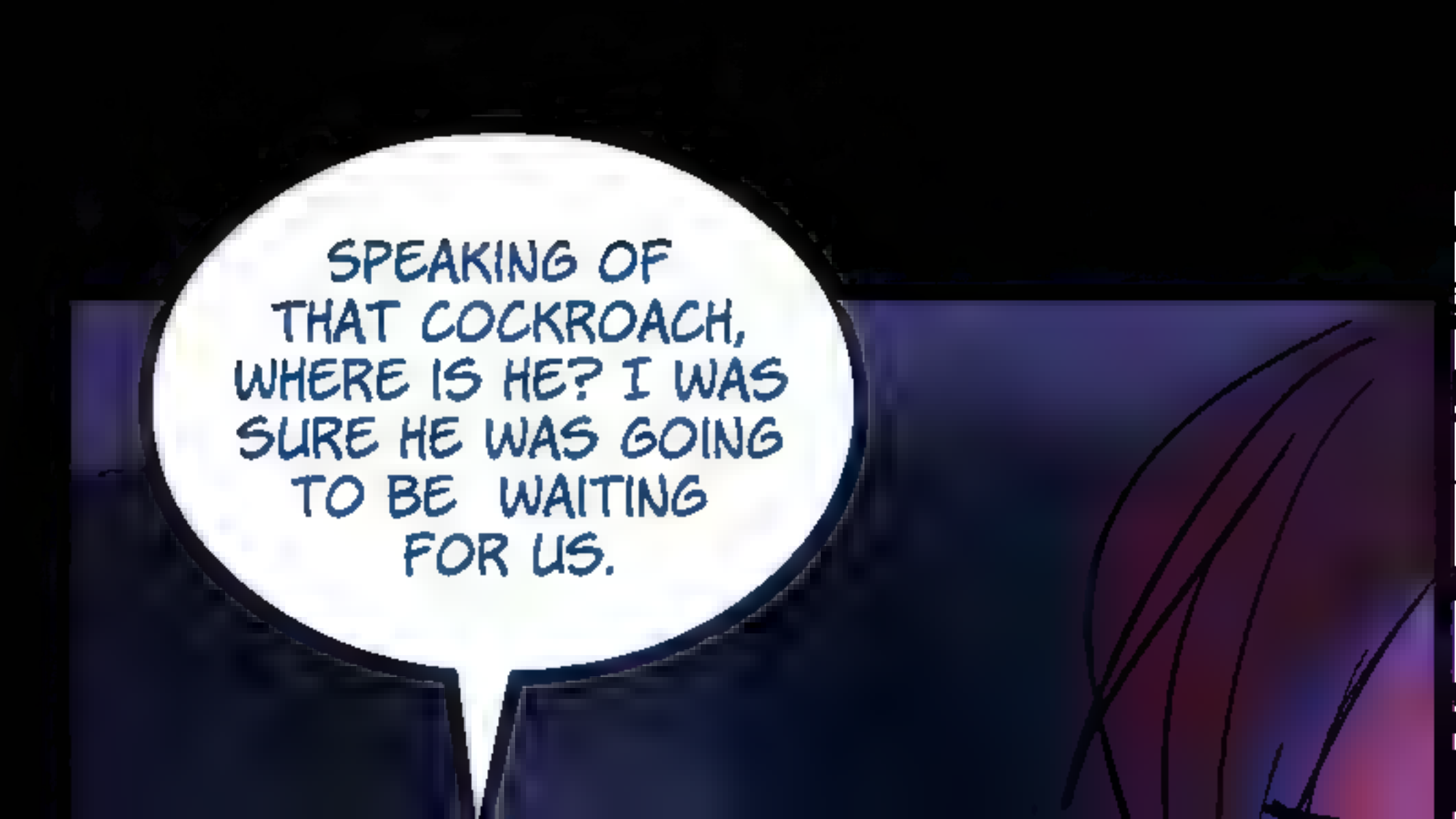
I THINK SO, BUT IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE. IT'S SO EMPTY WITHOUT EVERYONE LIVING HERE, BUT IT'S TOO CLEAN TO HAVE BEEN ABANDONED.

I CAN UNDERSTAND THE CLEANLINESS...BUT IT'S THE LACK OF PLANTS THAT CONFUSES ME. IF I'VE REALLY BEEN LIVING HERE ALONE, SHOULDN'T IT BE A

SHOULDN'T IT BE A GARDEN?

THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S NOT YOU. IT'S THE COCKROACH KING. HE'S SOMEONE YOU COULD BECOME, BUT HE'S ALSO MORE THAN YOU. A PART OF THE ROOM OF SWORDS ITSELF. LIKE ME AND MASIOSARE.

THE IDEA I'M GOING TO BE ABSORBED INTO THE ROS TO BECOME OUR ENEMY IS NOT AS REASSURING AS YOU SEEM TO THINK IT IS.


SPEAKING OF THAT COCKROACH, WHERE IS HE? I WAS SURE HE WAS GOING TO BE WAITING FOR US.

CAREFUL, IT MIGHT BE AN AMBUSH.

BUT FROM WHICH DIRECTION? WHERE IS HE HIDING?
MAYBE

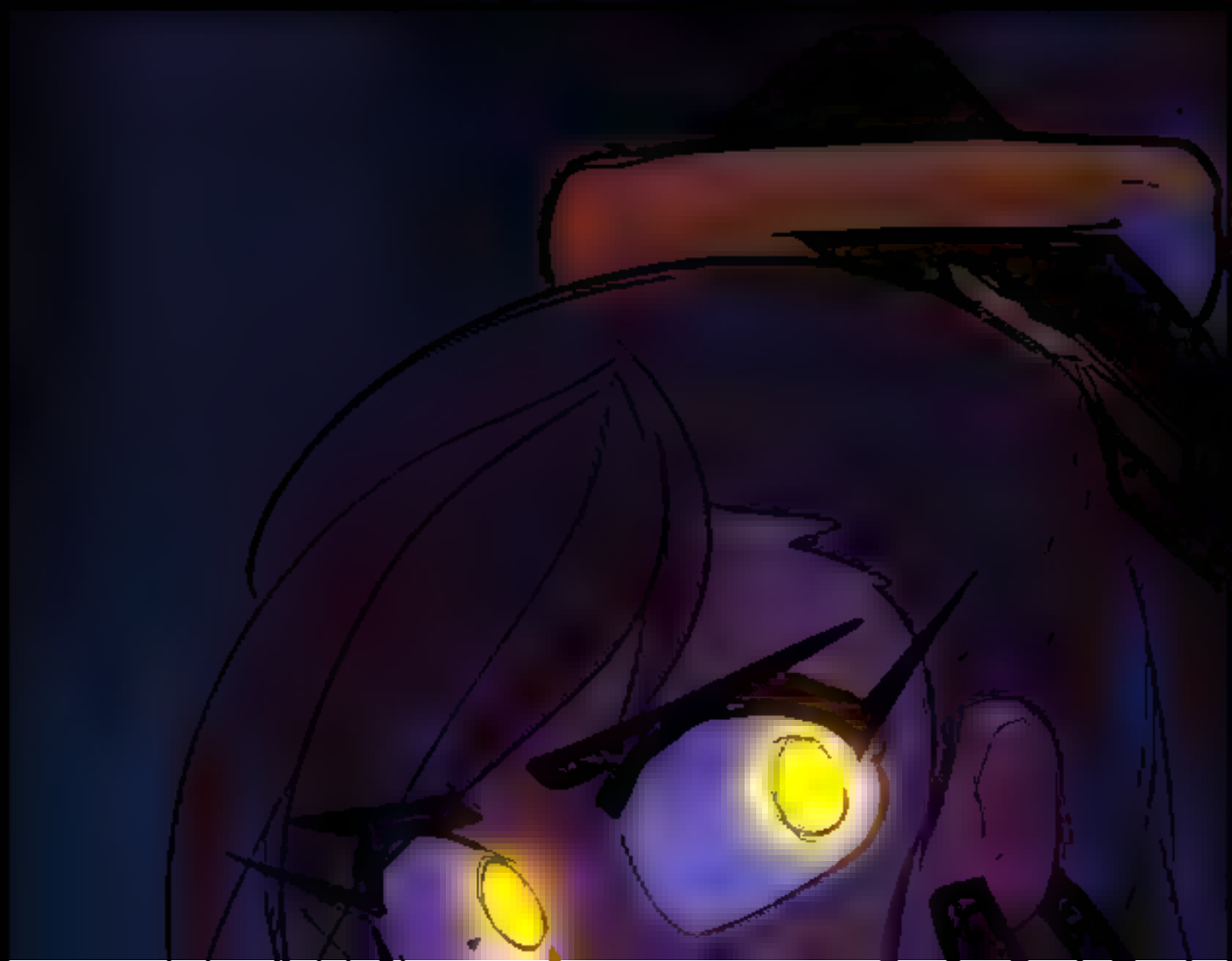
HE KNOWS HE'S DOOMED.

YEAH! HE KNOWS WE'LL KICK HIS ASS!

THIS IS
SO CREEPY.
IT FEELS LIKE
A TOMB.

DON'T WORRY.
GHOSTS ARE PROBABLY
THE ONLY THING WE

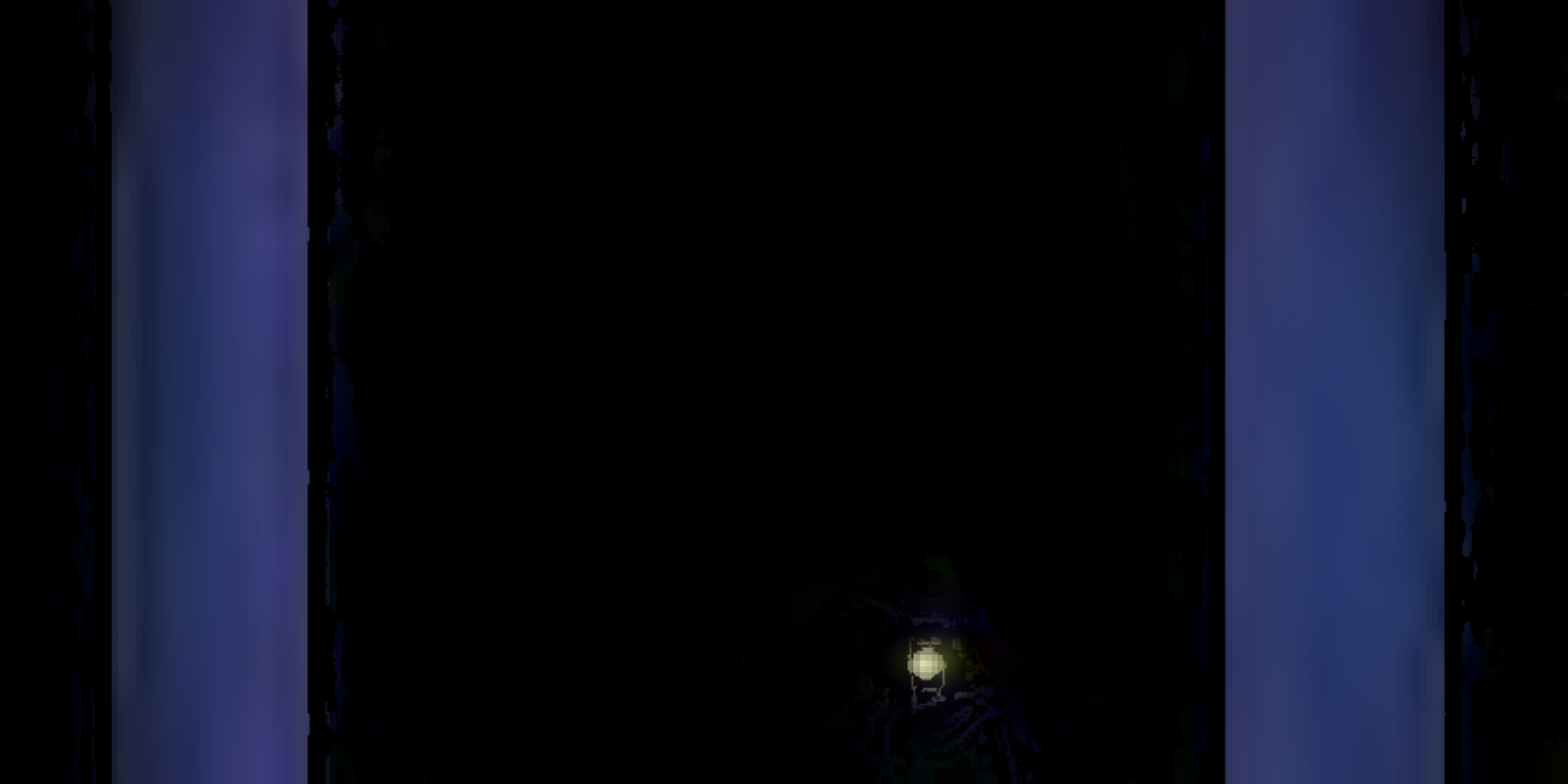
DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT.



I CAN
SENSE SOMETHING
COMING CLOSER.

HUH?
WHERE?

THERE!



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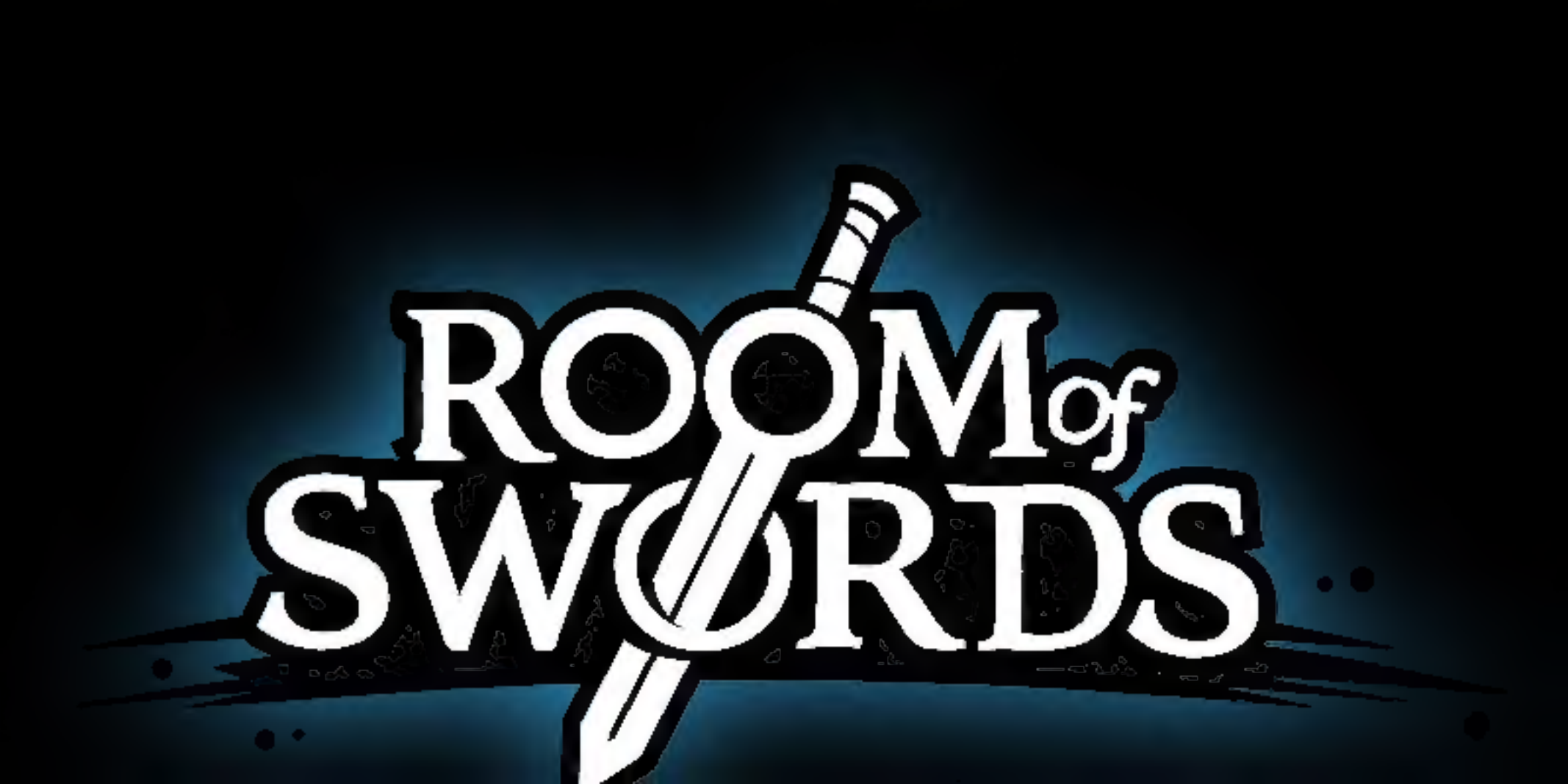
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